The mouse Fancy

ON PROBATION

TONY SHEPPARD DISCUSSES THE NEW VARIETIES

new varieties and prospective new varieties on its books.

The acceptance of these varieties into fully recognised, and probationary status might lead the newcomer into thinking that the mouse Fancy is either tacking in variety or still in a stoge of experimental formation. Neither case is true.

The established list of varieties is a gataxy of colours—many of which have stood the tests of a balf century, or more, it is just that the Fancy mouse is the ideal subject for the amateur geneticies who may wish to delve into the genetic gaps in the established varieties (viz Argente Creme) or travel along a completely unexplored path (viz Long haired mice).

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If the reader will bear with me, perhaps could take a quick look at the innovans and discoveries of the past two years,
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Some six or eight years ago the Argente was revived. It made an immediate impact on the mouse scene, winning best AOV, best is show etc. The Argente is a pink-eyed Agoutt. It fits into the natural generic pattern of the accepted varieties, it had lain dend, but by crossing other varieties to a personaceived plan its author' brought it back—a typy, large framed, virtle strain.

Some four years ago Bert Cooke conceived the idea of introducing the Argenta Creme. Again, it lifted into the natural genetic pattern, it is a pink-eyed Chinchilla. So, by crossing Argente and Chin to a preconceived plan the Argente Creme was evolved. How many generations this took I cannot guess.

The NMC committee at first refused the Argente Creme a probationary certificate at the third time of ask-ling.

THE LAST two years have seen a marked chin without the white belly. If this is so then increase in the production of new varieties, the silver Agoust carry has the same cost as I, would doubt that interest in new varieties to be patently untrue. It would be possible confined to much fewer than five per cent though, to produce a moose using the silver of the National Mouse Club's membership. Agout, that looks strikingly like the Argente This small minority is very active, so much come but without the white belly. Please so, that the NMC tes never had so many don't do it geneticists and new varieties and prospective new varieties enthusiasts!

Creme bull without the white belly. Please don't do it geneticists and new variety anthusiastal.

Now the Seal Point Slamese. This was introduced by Doreen Cooper and is surely the most striking new variety seen in many a wakes week. What they have been bred from I haven't a clue. I suspect the SP Slamese hails from Sables and Sliver Foxes.

In the early days Dorsen gave trics of this new variety to various fanciers in order to disseminate the breed and so that the type of those mice could be improved quickly and also of course they were a gift to fliends. My Irlo of Seal Points were small but their progeny were smaller and their progeny's progeny were gaining saddles to stay on! Eric Kitchen, at this lime, told me to use an outcross. Too late, By the time I'd found an outcross I couldn't find the Seal Points Meanwhile. Mr Kitchen's and Mr Kellet's Seal Points were gaining in stamina.

At this point I'd like to put in a little moral. The two year probationary year serves to show the mouse Fancy the new variety, its possibilities, improvement and popularity. No damage is done therefore at the proliminary stage and probationary certificates ought to be easy to come by. But the final certificate and standardisation ought to be difficult. The variety should have shown improvement and a measure of popularity.

In this then the Seal Point has passed with honours, though I'm not sure about the Argente Crems.

Noxt the Long-haired, It has been 'on probation' for a year now, It certainly is distin

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I have a few specimens—Inough hardly a study aim over the past two years has study and over the past two years has study and over the past two years has study and the delicate top mixture.

I may opinion, the type of the Argente, in this i have avacceded, at the expense of white Creme and Argente, its disadvantages are that if does not not its above tool to make thimsiavans with coloration due to available the properties are born without colour it remember rightly and the defect that it is a three hard remarks to the effect that it is

Blue Fox wins best in show at

I enjoyed judging the Marked and AOV social and the sections of Haringey show on August 3. The sections at Haringey show on August 3. The genty was around 450 which I considered agree good.

The quality of most mice was very good. The quality of most mice was very good. The guality of most mice and a good show on his hands. Enc Jukes had a good show on his hands. I hank my stewards for their help during the day. Well done fanciers! JH

Mr J Hartley's classes

DUTCH Ad 8: 1 Coster, Argente, very good and cheeks and stops, shade out under 3 Knight, Agouth, ince saddle, oity ood stoos r Hobson, chocolate, pull on cheeks, fails stops 8 wk 2: 1 3 Cooke, Argente Quality good top, good stops, and stops, shade out under 3 Knight, Agouth, ince saddle, oity ood stoos r Hobson, chocolate, pull on cheeks, fails stops 8 wk 2: 1 3 Cooke, Argente Quality good top, good stops, shade out under 3 Knight, Agouth, ince saddle, oity ood stoos r Hobson, chocolate, pull on cheeks, fails stops 8 wk 2: 1 3 Cooke, Argente Quality good top, good stops 3 Argente, fails saddle and under the fails on the pull of the fails and the fails on the fails white hairs on back r blue Fox, fails sides 8 wk 5: 1 good better 2 Holland, black Fox, spain good but write hairs on back 7 Knight, hope of the fail of the fail of the fail of the fails on the fail of the fai

AOV Ad 6: 1 r S Smith, Seal Point, good type, colour and shading 2 Funnell, Sable, good top, nice under, fails nose 3 Cooper, Seal Point, good mouse with plenty of shading r Argente buck, good type and colour 2 E Longbottom, Sable, as abult 3 J Kellett, silver grey, moulty head and shoulders r Funnell, Sable, colour not through AOV Chall Ad 12: 1 Holland, blue Fox, best in show 2 B Longbottom, Chinchilla 3 S Smith, Seal Point r Holland, blue Fox, best in show 2 B Longbottom, Chinchilla 3 S Smith, Seal Point r Holland, blue Fox 6 wk 11: 1 S Smith, Argente 2 B Longbottom, Chinchilla 3 J Kellett, silver grey r Holland, black Fox AV slud buck for 1: 1 Jones, white, big, well boned, planty of type 2 R Welch, chocolate Tan 3 B Longbottom, Chinchilla r Cooke, Dilue Fox, all these three mice were very close to winner with good top colours and unders with colour where it should be Doe 8 wk 11: 1 Cooke, Dutch Argente 2 Collings, cream 3 Holland champagne Tan r Knight, black, J MARTLEY

Mr Dan Holland's classes

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A most enjoyable day with my co-judges
Jack Hartley and Ken Morton. The total entry
was 474. Many thanks to my hard-working
stewards, Mr and Mrs Cooke.

PE White and CREAM Ad 15: 1 3 Coillings,
reams, good colour, type and condition 3
falls under 2 Cooke, PE White, another good
mouse but just beaten today r 1 Holland,
PE White, fails colour to leading white 8 wk
5: 1 3 Jones, PE White, good colour, type
and condition, my nomination for best under
eight week 3 fails under, mouth on nose 2
coilings, cream thin under. Cooper, fails
light feet 8 wk 2: 1 Jones, silver, fails condiunder and condition BLACK/BLUE Ad 5: 1 2
light feet, fails tinder 3 Kellett, short fail.
2 Collings, Isst cream 3 Jones, 2nd champagne
light front feet r Knight, Hight front feet,
poor fail set, fails under, all blacks 8 wk
5: 1 2 3 r Knight, 1 light front feet 2 light
feet and vent 3 white lose r tan hairs on
flank, poor fail set CHAMPAGNE/FAWN Ad
9: five champagnes, four fewns 1 T Holland,
fawn, good mouse, even colour top and
under, good top and condition 8 wk 2: 1
Jones, champagne, another good
mouse, good top colour but fails under 3
Creenwood, fails colour to leader f Turner,
John fail root, fails condition 8 wk 2: 1
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The NMC secretary writes . .

Bert Cooke has registered the prefix Cavan-dale. Will members and secretaries please note his new address: 98 Oscott School Lane. Great Barr, Birmingham 2a.

SUMMER SHOWS

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The summer agricultural above have been well supported this year and great interest has been shown in our hobby by the public. I have had several inquiries about the National Mouse Club from people who have seen the mice at the agricultural shows.
Several members have remarked to me recently about the lack of news, views and space silosted to the mouse section of FUR AND FEATHER. The snower lies in members hards, if there are not any letters or articles to print then the editor carnot do anything about it, I by to write regularly, but to think up something new every week is difficult. So, come on mousers, old and new, let's have some news or ideas from you.

NEGLECTED VARIETIES

Mr Ridley's article in FUR AND FEATHER, August 15, road very well and was most inferesting. He listed the varieties which have been neglected or have lost popularity over the last tew years.

My opinion on this is that they have been neglected because (s) they are more difficult to breed to exhibition standard than other varieties; (b) they lack fancier appeal; and (c) there are only forty or, at the most, fifty requiser exhibitoes out of 300 members, and with all the varieties we have some are bound to be neglected.

I do not agree that Mr Ridley's table of championships gained by the 'neglected' me have them now. See Rufe 8, paragraph varieties proves his point, I know of several (c). S SMITH (sec)

fanciers who do not bother to claim cham-planships. Therefore, Mr Ridley's list only shows championships which have been

claimed.

Most breeds today are in the hands of only one or two exhibitors and not many have large stude. Therefore, if one member drops out or his stud is hit by disease or accident then we have another rare or neglected variety.

I do not think money prizes will bring back the accordingly of these prizes. Two or three

I do not think money prizes will bring back the popularity of these breeds. Two or three years ago the Airedale Club scheduled special classes for neglected varieties but no real interest was provised.

The mouse Farcy is not alone in baying rate breeds, it also spolles to rabbits, cavies pigeons, etc. Either fanciers like a variety and keep it or they don't like it and it becomes replected.

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I would like to add that the above is my personal opinion and has nothing to do with any official view of the NMC, I will out MT Ridley's views before the next committee

LAPEL BADGES

I have received an interesting idea from new member Mr Reece, of Bristol. His idea is that members, or at least officials, should wear lapel badges, showing their names, at the annual show at Walsall, He thinks this will help newer members to discover who's who, I will also but this before the next committee meeting.

Ellingham a moderate success

With a total entry of 117 for Rhona Welch to Judge, Ellingham show on August 10 was a moderate success for a first show.

There were five exhibitors apart from my-self, namely Tony Jones, Bill Carter, Ron Knight, Mr and Mrs A J Cooks and Mr A Bright, who was the only northern exhibitor. Many thanks for your support, Mr Bright,

Many thanks for your support. Mr Bright.

Tony Jones won best in show and best self with a very nice champagne buck, and best coposite age with a baby chocolete Fox. The champagne buck also won the WMMC members class and the CVMC members class. Dutte a scoop for one day!

Best Marked and best AOV went to Ron Knight, Dutch and a chocolete Fox respectively, Best Tan went to Purback Stud.

Many thanks to all exhibitors for their support and to our judge for such a creditable performance. THEATH (show sec)

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Cooke 8 wk 2: 1 2 Jones PE DOVE/AO BE
SELF Ad 3: 1 2 Knight 3 Purbeck Stud 8 wk
3: 1 2 3 Knight Self chall ad 7: 1 r Jones 2 3
Cooke 8 wk 6: 1 3 Jones 2 r Knight TANS
BLACK/CHOC/CHAM Ad 5: 1 Purbeck Stud
2 Jones 3 r Bright AOC Ad 1: 1 Purbeck Stud
2 Jones 3 r Bright AOC Ad 1: 1 Purbeck Stud
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Bright DUTCH AA 7: 1 Knight 2 3 r Carter
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CAVIES-continued

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Specials—Mr T Robinson, 5s best Exhibit in Show, Rosette, per Mr J Wormald, CVMC, to member for best Opposite Age to Best in Show, NMC Special best Exhibit Friday, per Mr D Taylor.

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